



# Heritage UPDATE

STAR-SPANGLED  
SAILABRATION  
EDITION  
JULY 2012



The Baltimore National Heritage Area is an official partner of Star-Spangled 200, the state's bicentennial coordinating entity.

## BNHA and U.S. Navy Work To Bring Hundreds of Volunteers to Baltimore Communities

*Education Committee Launches Popular Passport Program During Festivities of Five-Day Star-Spangled Sailabration*

The Star-Spangled Sailabration officially came to a close with the parade of tall ships and gray hulls slowly making its way down the Patapsco River. But the June 2012 event in Baltimore has left an indelible impression on the city. The Sailabration was more than visiting ships and stunning acrobatics of the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels – it was also hundreds of U.S. military personnel giving their time and strength to build community gardens, clean city parks and historic sites, and help numerous civic organizations better serve the Baltimore community.

The Baltimore National Heritage Area served as the city's lead coordinator for the U.S. Navy's community relation activities and helped secure thousands of dollars worth of food and other donations to feed the military's men and women helping the city's neighborhoods, historic sites, and charities.

Eleven sites across the city welcomed military personnel (U.S. Navy, U.S. Marines, U.S. Coast Guard, and U.S. Naval Academy midshipmen) in volunteer activities, often with additional support from neighbors and others interested in providing a helping hand. More than 400 military and 125 civilian volunteers participated in the projects, which ranged from preparing nutritious meals for those in need (Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland) to planting nearly 2,000 plants at the Rawlings Conservatory in Druid Hill Park. Navy personnel and local volunteers created community gardens in Charles Village and Westport, assisted CivicWorks in restoration work at Clifton Mansion, and helped the Preservation Society of Federal Hill and Fell's Point conserve its archival records documenting the War of 1812.

On June 14, 2012, 68 U.S. military personnel joined local volunteers to plant 1,768 flowers, trim boxwood hedges, and weed beds at the Rawlings Conservatory in Druid Hill Park.



The Baltimore National Heritage Area worked with both local and national businesses to provide snacks or cater lunches for the Navy and civilian volunteers and gathered more than \$8,400 in food donations.





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## VOLUNTEER LOCATIONS

- Meals on Wheels of Baltimore
- Baltimore Station (West Federal Hill)
- Charles Village
- Living Classrooms (Harbor East)
- Catherine Street Park (West Baltimore)
- Fell's Point
- Clifton Mansion at Clifton Park
- Rawlings Conservatory (Druid Hill Park)
- Our Daily Bread (Catholic Charities of Baltimore)
- Todd's Inheritance (Baltimore County)
- Westport

BNHA also worked with ESSKAY, Smithfield Foods, Shoppers Food and Pharmacy, and the United Food and Commercial Workers Union for an amazing donation of 30,000 pounds of food to the Maryland Food Bank in honor of the U.S. Navy's volunteer activities in Baltimore.

Not all the donations were food: Baltimore Community Toolbank provided a variety of tools to help build a community garden in Westport.

**Thank YOU** to the organizations and companies that contributed to community volunteering events across Baltimore



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Thousands of the passports were distributed during the three-day Star-Spangled Sailabration.

Passports can be stamped at the following locations:

- Clifton Mansion at Clifton Park
- The Flag House and Star-Spangled Banner Museum
- Fell's Point Visitor Center
- Federal Hill Main Street Visitor Center
- Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine
- Maryland Historical Society
- Mount Clare Museum House
- Todd's Inheritance (Baltimore County)

BNHA also served as the lead coordinator for the city's efforts in education activities geared toward the War of 1812 Bicentennial. The BNHA War of 1812 Education and Curriculum Committee sought a way to engage visitors and Baltimore residents to visit War of 1812-related sites and attractions during the Sailabration and throughout the entire bicentennial. A bicentennial passport was designed for kids of all ages to collect stamps on the visiting tall ships and naval vessels and 1812-related sites around the city. Thousands of

the passports, generously funded by the Dorothy L. and Henry A. Rosenberg, Jr. Foundation, were distributed at the Sailabration villages at the Inner Harbor, Fell's Point, and the static air show at Martin State Airport. Additional support for the passport was provided by the American Flag Foundation and the Maryland Historical Society.

Currently nine War of 1812 sites and attractions in and around Baltimore will stamp the passports during the Bicentennial celebration. BNHA will work with additional sites in the city and the surrounding counties to offer the passport and stamps. The heritage area is also working on an additional printing of the passports and a reward program for those collecting stamps.

Limited quantities of the passport are available at the Baltimore Visitor Center in the Inner Harbor and at the 1812 resources around the city.

## PASSPORT



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Although the War of 1812 Bicentennial Passport was the highest impact education project that the Baltimore National Heritage Area implemented for Sailabration, a number of other projects and programs were developed.



Chief Special Warfare Operator Brad Woodard, assigned to the U.S. Navy parachute demonstration team, the Leap Frogs, signs autographs for young visitors following a parachute jump at Clifton Park.

*Photo courtesy of U.S. Navy  
Office of Community Outreach*

On June 12, just before the Sailabration began, BNHA co-hosted U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Earl Gay to speak at the Baltimore Rotary Club. Rear Admiral Gay spoke about the U.S. Navy's participation in the five-day event.

Other projects and programs included hosting a breakfast for the 2010 and 2011 Maryland Teachers of the Year on the USS *San Antonio*; coordinating U.S. Navy Leap Frog events at Clifton Park and Patterson Park, and arranging for the USS *Donald Cook* to host two STEM

(science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) school groups made up of students excelling in science and math. The goal of all of these projects was to make the War of 1812 history relevant and real for students and adults throughout the region.

# Thank YOU

to the U.S. Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, and Naval Academy midshipmen for volunteering so many hours during the Star-Spangled Sailabration in Baltimore. BNHA would like to especially thank the hard work of Lt. Jay Weatherwax of the USS *San Antonio* and Olivia Hunter and John Imparato of the Naval District Washington Community Service Program. The impacts from this volunteer work will be felt for years to come. **Huzzah!**

